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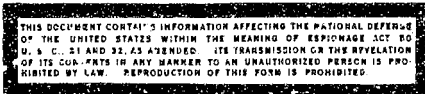
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CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO COMPENSATE FOR  
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ALSO SIGNS TRADE PACT WITH BELGIUM -- Neue Zuercher Zeitung, No 2549, 6 Dec 49

The Czechoslovak government has agreed to make restitution to Belgian nationals whose property in Czechoslovakia was affected by the nationalization process. A protocol was signed providing for reparations amounting to 50 million Belgian francs for the year 1949. The release of Czechoslovak assets in Belgium and Belgian assets in Czechoslovakia is also stipulated.

A trade pact concluded at the same time calls for an exchange of goods amounting to 9½ billion Belgian francs over a period of 12 months. Under the agreement, Belgium is to ship chemical products, raw materials and machines for the textile industry, electrical equipment, and nonferrous metals, while Czechoslovakia will supply timber, textiles, and raw materials for the Belgian pottery industry, as well as glassware and china.

TO PRODUCE AIRCRAFT ENGINES FOR ITALY -- Glas, No 1360, 7 Nov 49

According to a bulletin of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Foreign Trade, the Italian Ministry of Aviation is to produce twin-engine Caproni KA 193 aircraft, which will be equipped with Czechoslovak engines from the "Walter Minor" Factory. The Caproni firm has already ordered a considerable number of the above engines from Czechoslovakia.

4 NEW COMMISSIONS PLANNED -- Ceskoslovensky Obchod, No 4, 31 Aug 49

The Czechoslovak group of the International Chamber of Commerce in Prague plans to establish in the near future four special working commissions: (1) production, (2) commercial-political and distribution, (3) exchange and financial, and (4) transportation and legal problems. Members of these commissions will be appointed by the executive council of the Czechoslovak group of the International Chamber of Commerce. All member companies and other member enterprises will send their representatives to at least one of the commissions.

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## SEPTEMBER FOREIGN TRADE BALANCE FAVORABLE -- Hospodar, No 41, 13 Oct 49

Czechoslovak imports amounted to 2,983,000,000 crowns and exports to 3,144,000,000 crowns in September. The September trade balance, therefore, amounted to 161,000,000 crowns. Exports increased by 560 million crowns over August and exceeded the normal seasonal rise.

Exports for the first three quarters of 1949 amounted to 28,932,000,000 crowns, that is, 11 percent more than exports for the same period of 1948. Imports of raw materials for the first three quarters of 1949 amounted to 16,406,000,000 crowns, or 16 percent more than for the corresponding period of 1948.

## EXPORT BALANCE MAINTAINED IN OCTOBER -- Hospodar, No 46, 17 Nov 49

Czechoslovak exports amounted to 3,463,000,000 crowns and imports amounted to 2,835,000,000 crowns in October 1949. The export balance, therefore, amounted to 628 million crowns. October exports were 315 million crowns higher than September exports and 879 million crowns higher than August exports.

## METAL PRODUCTS, MACHINERY LEAD EXPORTS -- Rude Pravo, No 211, 8 Sep 49

The metal and machine industry is the leader not only in Czechoslovak production, but also in exports, according to the director of KOVO, Inc.

Czechoslovakia exported 88 motorcycles in 1937, for example, and over 13,000 in 1948. Whereas radio receiving sets used to be imported in 1937, nearly 18,000 were exported in 1948. Tractor exports also increased in 1948. Export of trucks was 70 times higher in 1948 than in 1937, export of Diesel engines more than eight times higher, passenger cars four times higher, machine tools and sewing machines three times higher, and agricultural and industrial equipment two and one-half times higher.

## BUYS 10 SOVIET PLANES -- Lidove Noviny, No 262, 9 Nov 49

Ten Soviet Ilyushin 12 aircraft have been purchased by Czechoslovakia, according to the Minister of Transportation. The aircraft will be used by Czechoslovak civil aviation.

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